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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	Matthew Pellegrini et al.	Examiner:	Unassigned
Application No.:	10/542,255	Group Art Unit:	Unassigned
Confirmation No.:	5103	Docket:	1368-8 PCT/US
Filed:	July 15, 2005	Int'l. Applic.	
		Filing Date:	January 9, 2004
For:	METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF RNA REGULATORY SEQUENCES AND COMPOUNDS THAT MODULATE THEIR FUNCTION	Dated:	December 5, 2007

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

Sir:

In response to the notice of abandonment mailed November 23, 2007, petition is hereby made to withdraw the holding of abandonment. The following information is tendered in support of the subject petition.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Exhibit A is a copy of the notice of abandonment, mailed November 23, 2007, alleging that applicants failed to respond to a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO905), mailed 2/24/2006.

Exhibit B is a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements, mailed February 24, 2006. This notification stated that the oath or declaration of the inventors was missing, and the

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applicant must provide the sequence listing in computer readable form. The notification set a time period of two months within which to respond.

Exhibit C is a copy of the applicants' response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, mailed May 23, 2006. The response contained a combined declaration and power of attorney, a copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements, computer readable sequence (submitted on a 3.5" floppy disk), and a petition and fee for a one month extension of time. Accordingly, this response was timely submitted.

Exhibit D is a copy of a Notification of Defective Response (Form PCT/DO/EO/916), mailed March 13, 2007, alleging that the sequence listing in computer readable form was not submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(e). This notification provided for a non-extendable one month time limit within which to respond.

Exhibit E is a copy of Applicants Response to the Notification of Defective Response, timely mailed on April 12, 2007. The return postcard with the USPTO stamp confirming receipt is on the bottom of the first page. This response contained the sequence on floppy disk and a statement indicating that the sequence listing is identical to the sequence originally submitted and contains no new matter. A review of the record for this application in PAIR shows that this response was not entered into PAIR.

DISCUSSION

At the outset, it is not clear why the Office generated the Notification of Defective Response on March 13, 2007. It appears from our files that our response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, mailed May 23, 2006 was fully responsive.

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Regardless of the sufficiency of our response of May 23, 2006, when the office did mail the Notification of Defective Response of March 13, 2007, we again fully responded to the alleged deficiencies.

For some reason, however, our response to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed on April 12, 2007 was not entered into PAIR. This undoubtedly is the reason the office generated the notice of abandonment on November 23, 2007, since a review of the USPTO records seems to indicate that applicant failed to respond to the March 13, 2007 notice.

As shown by the copy of the attached postcard, applicants' response to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed with a certificate of mailing on April 12, 2007, was received the USPTO on April 16, 2007. Accordingly, applicants submit that the response was timely made and its absence from the USPTO records is a mistake the USPTO.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the applicants' response to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed with a certificate of mailing on April 12, 2007, be properly entered in the USPTO records and the PAIR system.

Applicants further respectfully request that the Office review the file in this case as properly constructed, and withdraw the Notification of Abandonment issued November 23, 2007. The reason the notice should be withdrawn is that applicants response of April 12, 2007 to the Notification of Defective Response of March 13, 2007 was not entered into the USPTO records in this case, through no fault of the applicant. Applicant's response addresses all alleged deficiencies, so there is no reason to maintain the Notification of Withdrawal.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for examination.

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Since this petition is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, no petition fee is required. If a petition fee is required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 and should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this communication or any future communication pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A



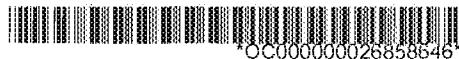
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Exhibit A

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CONFIRMATION NO. 5103
371 ABANDONMENT/TERMINATION
LETTER



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NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

- Applicant has failed to respond to the notification of MISSING REQUIREMENTS (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), mailed 02/24/2006 within the time period set therein.

Therefore, the above identified application failed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495, and is ABANDONED AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

TERRY M JOHNSON VESSELS

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EXHIBIT B



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/15/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/15/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/15/2005
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 07/15/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 07/15/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/15/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$-35 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.
- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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EXHIBIT C

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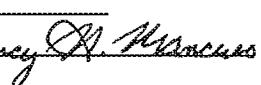
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Signed: Marcy H. Mancuso / 

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER
35 U.S.C. §371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed February 24, 2006, a response to which is due May 24, 2006 with a one month extension of time (Petition enclosed), for the above-identified case, Applicants submit the following:

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1. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney(s) signed by inventors of the above-identified invention, such Declaration identifying the application by the U.S. application number and filing date.
2. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. §371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).
3. A computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing and a Statement regarding the Sequence Listing.

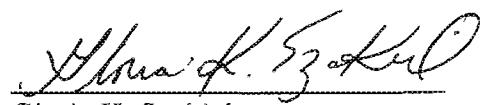
Please charge the Deposit Account No. 08-2461 in the amount of \$100.00 (\$35.00 for additional fees and \$65.00 for the surcharge fee for filing a late Declaration).

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in these fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number below.

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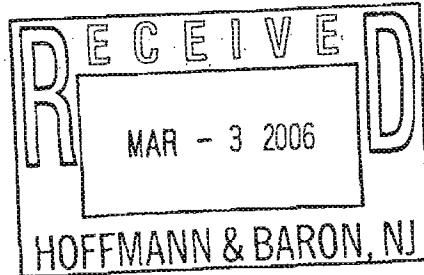
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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL,
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original	<input type="checkbox"/> National Stage PCT
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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

NOTE: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF RNA REGULATORY SEQUENCES AND
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the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a) is attached hereto.
- (b) was filed on July 15, 2005 as
 Serial No. 10/542,255 or
 Express Mail No. _____, as Serial No. not yet known
and was amended on _____. (If applicable)
- (c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/
filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____. (If any)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, and that the filing of said specification, if heretofore filed, was authorized by me.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

CLAIM OF PRIORITY OF EARLIER FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or Inventor's certificate or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign/PCT application(s) filed within 12 months (6 months for design) prior to this U.S. application.)

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

COUNTRY (orPCT)	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (Day/Month/Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC §119	
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119(e)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

(List prior U.S. provisional applications.)

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE (Day/Month/Year)
60/441,028	January 17, 2003

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List prior U.S. applications or PCT International applications designating the U.S. for benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120.)

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35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS

PRIORITY APPLICATION NO.	PRIORITY COUNTRY	FILING DATE <i>(Day/Month/Year)</i>	ISSUE DATE <i>(Day/Month/Year)</i>

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) at Customer Number 23869 to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

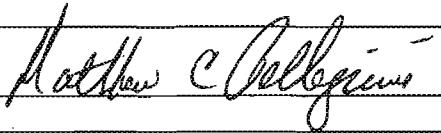
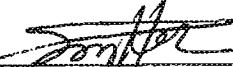
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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

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NOTE: All above spaces identifying inventors must be completed or deleted before any inventor executes this application

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of

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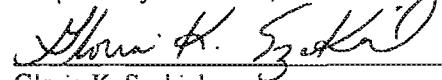
The requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is enclosed by check.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account
No. 08-2461. duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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If any additional fees are due or any overpayment has been made, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461 or credit our Deposit Account for such sum.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT D



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U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
10/542,255	Matthew C Pellegrini	1368-8 PCT/US
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.		
PCT/US04/00423		
I.A. FILING DATE		PRIORITY DATE
01/09/2004		01/17/2003
CONFIRMATION NO. 5103 371 FORMALITIES LETTER  *OC000000022855406*		

Date Mailed: 03/13/2007

NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495)

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/15/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/15/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/15/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/25/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 07/15/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 07/15/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/15/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/15/2005

Applicant's response filed 05/25/2006 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 02/24/2006 have not been completed.

- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under

37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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EXHIBIT E

Exhibit E

Applicant(s): Pellegrini et al.
Appl'n. Serial No: 10/542,255
Examiner: Unassigned
Title: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF RNA REGULATORY
SEQUENCES AND COMPOUNDS THAT MODULATE THEIR FUNCTION
Confirmation No.: 5103
Certificate of Mailing Dated: April 12, 2007
Attorney Docket: 1368-8 PCT/US

Filing Date: July 15, 2005

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

The U. S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp will acknowledge receipt of the following:

- (X) Response to Notification of Defective Response (2 pages);
- (X) Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing (1 disk);
- (X) Statement Regarding Sequence Listing (1 page); and
- (X) Return Receipt Postcard

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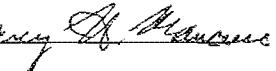
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Sir:

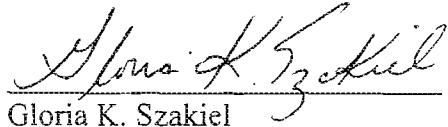
This is in response to the Notification of Defective Response, a reply to which is due April 13, 2007. This Notification indicates that a computer-readable form of the sequence listing must be submitted. In response to the Notification, Applicants are submitting herewith the following items:

- (1) a computer-readable form of the sequence listing; and
- (2) a Statement regarding the content of the sequence listing formation.

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Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Response, he or she is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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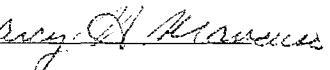
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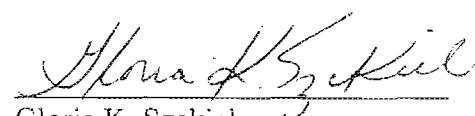
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STATEMENT REGARDING SEQUENCE LISTING

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith a Sequence Listing in computer-readable form. The content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing filed with the application and includes no new matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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